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Serial Number 10/784,975) Examiner: P. Leung
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For: Rapid Cook Oven With Dual Flow Fan Assembly

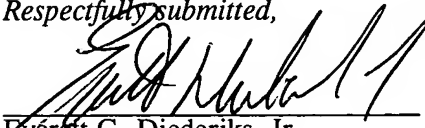
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REMARKS

The application as allowed includes three independent claims. Two of the independent claims represent product claims, while the third independent claim represents a method claim. The Examiner's Statement of Reasons For Allowance is seen to appropriately address each of the independent product claims in this application. However, the method claims do not require each of the specified structural elements but are rather directed to performing an accelerated cooking operation employing a dual flow fan. Since the method does require a flow of oven air, a flow of fresh air, a mixing of the oven air and fresh air to form a combined airflow, directing of the combined airflow into a combustion chamber having an electric heating element arranged therein, establishing a recirculation airflow, and a dual flow fan, the statements made by the Examiner are not wholly inappropriate. However, it is respectfully submitted that the method claims stand allowed based on their own limitations. For instance, you will note that the requirement for a convection cooking system housing is not presented in claim 18.

In any event, it is respectfully submitted that all the claims in the application are allowable over the known prior art based on the limitations set forth in at least the independent claims. If the Examiner should have any comments concerning this matter, he is cordially invited to contact the undersigned at the number provided below.

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